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Applicants: Mamoru Suzuki et al.

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For : BATTERY CHARGING/DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND
BATTERY CHARGING/DISCHARGING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, which is a division of application serial no. 09/882,403 filed June 15, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the abstract begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Remarks begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.